

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-6. canceled

7. (previously presented) A method for treating insufficiency of peripheral circulation or peripheral angiostenosis in a peripheral muscle of a subject for which HGF is effective, comprising administering intramuscularly to the peripheral muscle of the subject an expression vector containing a constitutive promoter operably linked to a HGF gene in a therapeutically effective amount.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 7, wherein said expression vector is ~~selected from a viral expression vector containing a HGF gene and a non-viral expression vector~~ containing a HGF gene.

9. (currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein said non-viral expression vector is encapsulated in a liposome, ~~the membrane of which may be further fused to attenuated Sendai virus particles.~~

10. (new): The method of claim 9, wherein the membrane of said liposome is fused with attenuated Sendai virus particles.

11. (new): The method of claim 7, wherein said expression vector is a viral expression vector containing a HGF gene.